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SUBJECT: SINO-JAPANESE CIVIL AIR NEGOTIATIONS

1. FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH, JAPANESE CONSUL GENERAL SUMA INFORMED ME DEC. 1 THAT THE CHINESE HAVE RECENTLY MADE A NEW COUNTER OFFER TO JAPAN ON THE CIVIL AIR NEGOTIATIONS. THE NEW PROPOSAL DROPPED THE PREVIOUS PRC DEMAND THAT THE NATIONALIST FLAG BE REMOVED FROM THEIR AIRPLANES LANDING IN JAPAN. NOW ACCORDING TO SUMA, THE PRC IS ONLY DEMANDING THAT 1) THE NAME "TAIWAN" BE ADDED IN SOME FASHION TOTHE CHINA AIRLINES PLANES, E.G. "CHINA AIRLINES OF TAIWAN" OR "CHINA AIRLINES (TAIWAN)," 2) PRC AIRPLANES USE NARITA AIRPORT AND GRC AIRPLANES USE HANEDA OR OSAKA, AND 3) JAL AND CHINA AIRLINES EMPLOY ONLYLOCAL NATIONALS IN THEIR GROUND CREWS.

2. COMMENT: POINT TWO, OF COURSE, WAS OFFERED BY THE JAPANESE SIDE AND WE WOULD JUDGE POINT THREE IS NO PROBLEM SINCE THIS IS IN LINE WITH CURRENT JAL PRACTICE IN KOREA AND INDONESIA, THOUGH SUMA PERSONALLY CALLED IT MAJOR STUMBLING
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BLOCK. WE HAVE RECEIVED CONFLICTING STORIES ON

WHETHER THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT BELIEVES POINT ONE CAN BE SOLD TO
THE NATIONALISTS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE VISIT TO PEKING BY FOREIGN
MINISTER OHIRA IS DEFINITELY BEING HELD UP UNTIL SOME AGREEMENT ON
THE AIR ISSUE CAN BE SIGNED DURING THE VISIT.
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